

## CONEY ISLAND OPENED UP.

## THE OCCASION MARKED BY A PARADE AND BROAD SMILES.

Weather wasn't Good, but the Crowd Was. Weather is Never Good on Opening Day and That is the Reason They Have the Opening Day Saturday and Not Sunday.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the red-coated Luna Park band, with a rattle and a snap of the drums, got into action on Surf avenue opposite the Brooklyn Rapid Transit terminal at Coney Island and went flaring and booming down the street. From balcony stands in front of Frankfurter kitchens, from barker's platforms, from the balconies of the beer halls, from the candy kitchens and the merry-go-rounds along the avenue came one long drawn howl of delight. The sky was dark and overcast. The winds were chill and laden with mist. But the street was warmed by the smile of many a face worn by the cheerless solitude of the long Coney Island winter.

The parade was the announcement of the opening of the season. The weather is never good to the official opening day. It may be fairly sizzling hot from Norton's Point to Brighton Beach to-day; but it couldn't help being cold yesterday. That's why they have the opening day on a Saturday; to head off the weather hoodoo.

But it was a treat for most of the people who saw it that it doesn't matter much what day is picked out by the authorities for the opening of Coney Island. The crowds would make their way down over snowdrifts and across ice floes just to say that they were there at the beginning. They were there yesterday when the minarets and towers of the buildings of Steeplechase Park, Dreamland and Luna Park shone dimly through the fog, which gave a mystery to their fantastic outlines that did not in the least detract from the beauty of the scene.

Not all of the shows prepared for the Coney Island pilgrims of the summer were ready for inspection. The Creation, the St. Louis importation which stands at the very entrance of Dreamland and which has added its gigantic statue of the nude Eve to the impressive spectacles along Surf avenue, will not be ready for today or more. Hell Gate, a combination of the floating boat and scenic railway schemes, which includes a dash down an incline into a fountain of spray, warranted to set the adventurer, is also somewhat behindhand.

But the tom-toms of Asia thum invitingly behind the canals of Venice and the gaily girls in the balconies of the Japanese tea house and theater smile forth upon the cowboys, who thistle around the dirt track, which has been built along the borders of the lagoon. The Fighting the Flames show has been entirely remodeled and now shows nearly two city blocks instead of one. A dash down a hill, a bear and tigers and lions lent their loud roars to those of the concessionaires, who thought that Senator Reynolds ought to sell good weather from the very first day out along with exhibiting space and other privileges.

The poverty of the whole day in Dreamland yesterday was the Flea Theater. Mr. Stewart, a whiskered Scot, has brought from Dundee a fine lot of fat lady fleas (he explains that lady fleas make far the best performers) who drag in miniature chariots, turn tiny wheels, walk a silken thread tight rope and fire a baby cannon. They do these things, not because they want to help Mr. Stewart make a living, but because it is the nature of the flea to keep his legs going, and Mr. Stewart, after cutting the proud spirit of his character by keeping the flea in a wreny bit of chain for two weeks puts them into harness in which they must make a dash for it.

"How do you feel the poor little things?" a sympathetic soul asked Mr. Stewart yesterday. The Master of the Flea replied that he felt as if he were a flea himself. "I feel them on my arm every morning," he said cheerfully. "They make their living out of me and I make mine out of them."

When the crowds poured into Luna Park behind the band, after its inaugural parade, they found the effect of influence on the parade of the time taken in it. The color and sound and moving things have always characterized the place. The hanging gardens have been built over the old moon substantially. The trip to the moon in the grand old airship Luna, has been reduced to 10 cents, and apparently as many people felt warranted in taking the trip as they did to take it at Buffalo for 50 cents in 1901.

Edward Temple has found time out of his tremendous duties at the Hippodrome to whip the fire and flames of the lion into its usual snap and to dash in a reproduction of life in the Street of Many Troubles, from newsboy fights to a three mile race, with their feverishness and slides for life. The quota of shows yet to be opened (Fred Thompson announces that the day will never come in his lifetime when he will have to open a show) are The Fall of Port Arthur, which is promised for Memorial Day; the Dragon's Gorge, a new adaptation of the scenic railway, and the Scenic Railway, from the St. Louis fair, which will go into action late this week.

But there was plenty doing for the twenty thousand people who came through both the big amusement places and gathered at chances to see elephants and camels, crowded the chutes, went careening around the curving canals of the free helter skelter, rode on miniature railways and consumed tremendous quantities of peanuts and popcorn, to say nothing of watching the free circus and races, and of thronging the dancing pavilions.

Not the least edifying spectacle in Luna Park next to Skin Dundie's brand new suit of clothes did not the opening of the Hippodrome, with such an innovation was the spectacle of a young man in a brown suit and a flat topped hat who went careening up and down the avenue of the resort on an elephant, held two girls on one seat of a shoot the chute boat without the aid of a net or other artificial assistance. The elephant, which was a small one, some railway carload went over the first breath snatching dip on the old course was a Frederic Thompson, capitalist, amusement inventor and perennially successful. He said that he had done the best part of his job and he thought he was entitled to a little fun. But he found time, meanwhile, to bow the open air circus, under the stars of his million gallon fountains electrically illuminated in the center of the park, remodeled the Hell Gate cascades, fire a fresh scenic police man and make sure that all the ticket selling girls were observing orders to wear flaring red straw hats with red and white pompadour.

People who go to Coney Island to-day will find it as hard as ever to realize when it is time to come home. If the experience of those who have just left the island amounts to anything, The B. R. T. showed its capacity to get folks down and back in a hurry by running passengers through on express over the Sea Beach route and the Culver route in less than thirty-five minutes.

## Pastor Loch Finds Another Foundling.

The Rev. Jacob Loch, the pastor of the German Evangelical Church, who lives at 10 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, discovered a foundling in the doormat last night, the second in two years. He carried the two-months-old boy into the house and nursed it until a policeman came and took it. The baby was well dressed, but there were no marks on its clothing to show where it came from.

## Killed by a Plug Blown From an Air Pump.

OLEAN, N. Y., May 13.—John Burke, a machinist employed in the Pennsylvania shops here, was fatally hurt to-day by being hit in the left eye by a plug blown from an air pump. His skull was badly fractured, thirty pieces of bone being removed.

## IMPRISONED IN FREIGHT CAR.

Negroes Were Locked in Four Days with Nothing to Drink—Cabbages for Food.

PHILADELPHIA, May 13.—After being locked in a freight car for four days without anything to eat except cabbages, with which the car was loaded, six negroes who came all the way from Charleston, W. Va., were rescued last evening when the train arrived in the West Philadelphia freight yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

All of the negroes suffered terribly from thirst, one of them being so weak that he had to be carried from the car. They were employed at Charleston last Monday to load the car with cabbages, and after they had finished the job they lay down in the car and went to sleep.

While they were slumbering the door was locked on them by the baggage-master, and they awoke to find themselves prisoners and the train in motion. The men alternated at kicking at the door and shouting, hoping that they might be able to attract some one, but their cries were not heard until the train reached West Philadelphia.

## DYING GIRL VANISHES.

Taken From Midwife's House in a Cab After Doctor Notified Coroner.

Dr. S. M. Roth of 293 East Third street, called up the Coroner's office last night, and said that a girl was lying ill in a midwife's house at 167 East Nineteenth street, and that he believed her to be dying.

Coroner Scholer went out on the case, but when he arrived at the house he found that the girl had been driven away in a cab, and that the midwife, Mrs. Brecht, was also missing. Dr. Roth said that he had been called to the house in consultation with another doctor and that he believed that the girl was dying. He said that she was called Mary James, but he knew nothing further about her.

The East Eighty-eighth street police station was notified of the girl's disappearance and detectives searched the hospitals but found no trace of her.

At a late hour the police were still trying to locate the woman and the dying girl.

## CLOUDBURST FLOODS A TOWN.

25 Houses and Two Railroad Bridges Are Demolished in Cleburne, Tex.

CLEBURNE, TEX., May 13.—A cloudburst at noon to-day washed away twenty-five houses, East and West Buffalo creeks were transformed into raging rivers and the houses were jammed against steel bridges and demolished. Inmates were rescued by means of boats and men on horseback who breasted the swirling waters.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad lost a bridge and a long stretch of track, and the Trinity and Brazos Valley bridge was swept away. The Santa Fe saved two bridges by weighting them down with railroad iron. Fortunately, no lives were lost.

## THIEVES TURN ON THE LIGHT.

By Mistake at a Hospital Switchboard They Arouse an Innate.

Three burglars entered St. Mary's Hospital in Jamaica, L. I., early yesterday morning and made an attempt to rob the chapel, where valuable gold vessels are kept. They entered through the cellar, and in an upper corridor, noticing that the electric lights were turned on, one of them went to the switchboard and attempted to turn them off. By mistake he switched on all the lights in the building.

This attracted the attention of a sister, who notified Dr. Harkness, who was on duty. Harkness called up the police and then started a tour of investigation. On his approach the burglars ran out of the building and were chased for some distance by the doctor and the police.

## GRAFTING CHAUFFEURS CURBED.

Senator Saxe Has Stringent Bill Passed at Albany.

Without any pretense of influence on the part of automobile bill has just been signed by Gov. Higgins of New York which will tend to abate a nuisance which has long bothered owners of machines and keepers of garages. The bill makes it a misdemeanor for any employee, driver, chauffeur, included, to accept any commission, fee or gratuity for influencing his employer's business and also makes it a misdemeanor for any dealer to offer such compensation to employees, servants or agents. It was State Senator Saxe, an avowed enemy of automobilists, who introduced the measure but a few weeks after his oppressive bill regarding speed limits was killed through the exertions of the automobile interests of the State.

The new law is called: "An act to amend the Penal Code, prohibiting the corrupt influencing of agents, employees or servants."

Its text is as follows: "The Penal Code is hereby amended by inserting therein at the end of title eleven a new section to be known as 384-r, and to read as follows: 'Section 384-r. Corrupt influencing of agents, employees or servants.—Whoever gives, offers or promises to an agent, employee or servant a gift or gratuity, without the knowledge and consent of the principal, or who, as master, employer, driver, employee or servant, with intent to influence his action in relation with his principal, gives, offers or promises to his principal, employer or master, a gift or gratuity or accepts a gift or gratuity or a promise to make a gift or to do an act beneficial to himself, under a false pretense, with an understanding that he shall act in any particular manner to his principal's employer or master, shall be fined not less than \$100, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.'"

"Sec. 2. This act shall take effect Sept. 1, 1905."

Some few weeks ago the garage owners of the city met at the Automobile Club of America to discuss the abuses which this bill will correct. Committees were appointed to frame a measure which would put an end to the petty blackmailing of garage keepers by chauffeurs, who would threaten to store their cars elsewhere unless they received a regular monthly stipend from the garage owner.

Yachts Change Hands. The following transfers of yachts are reported by Macdonnell and Cook: Gasoline yacht Queen Bess sold by Richard H. Stearns of the Larchmont Yacht Club to J. A. Dodge and E. A. Carley of the Columbia Yacht Club. The Queen Bess is one of the most beautiful and modern yachts in the harbor and is equipped with standard motor and every modern feature. The auxiliary yacht Hussar II, chartered by Commodore E. T. Affleck of the Toledo Yacht Club to J. A. Dodge and E. A. Carley, is being sailed by the Commodore on the Great Lakes. The Hussar II is 70 feet long.

The auxiliary sloop Sculpin sold by F. H. Stillman, Bridgeport, Conn., to J. W. Wilson of New York city. The Sculpin is about 40 feet long and fitted with a 10-horse-power engine.

The Crosby knockabout Vladivostok sold to a Western yachtsman. The craft is now being shipped to Port Clinton, Ohio, where it will be put into commission and used during the season.

Clifford V. Brock has purchased the high speed 30 foot cabin steamer Levander. The Levander was built by the Gas Engine and Foundry Co. of New York city. The boat has had a new boat built this winter which will go in commission next week. This boat is named Levander and is 31 feet long. Mr. Brock has renamed his boat Anita.

## ALEXANDER FINANCED FIGHT.

HYDE MEN SAY HE PAID BILLS OF POLICY HOLDERS' COMMITTEE.

And Hired Frank Platt to Conduct Campaign Throughout State—Charge Alexander's Retort—Furthermore the Committee, Bar Crimmins, Is Inactive.

Following the charge made in James H. Hyde's suit to depose James W. Alexander from the trusteeship of the Hyde stock, that the Crimmins policyholders' committee was merely a tool in Alexander's hand in his conspiracy to obtain control of the Equitable society, and that its expenses had been paid by him, came further charges yesterday by the Hyde supporters in regard to this committee.

They declared that the committee was no longer in existence; that all the members, realizing that the committee's counsel, Frank H. Platt, was in the pay of Mr. Alexander as one of his lawyers, had broken away from him and that Mr. Platt had absolutely no right now to represent himself as spokesman for the committee.

Mr. Platt, when asked about this last night, denied it. He declared that the committee was intact with the exception of the chairman, John D. Crimmins, who for several weeks now has been regarded as an outcast supporter of Mr. Hyde. The other members of the committee, he said, were H. Outerbridge, Henry Morgenthau, Gov. Warfield of Maryland, John B. Stanchfield and E. W. Bloomfield.

The Hyde people charged yesterday that this committee had been used by Mr. Alexander by Mr. Platt to conduct an organized campaign throughout New York State against Mr. Hyde. They asserted that a sub-committee had been organized in each county by Mr. Platt and that the expenses of these sub-committees, as well as the expenses of the main committee had been paid by President Alexander.

The Hyde supporters said that President Alexander had spent as much as \$15,000 in twelve counties in the organization and conduct of these sub-committees. He had, they said, expended as much as \$5,000 on this policyholders' movement. The petitioning of the Legislature by these county committees and the appearance of delegates from the committees at Albany for a hearing before Supt. Hendricks in regard to the proposed amended charter, it was charged, was all a part of the conspiracy which President Alexander worked through the committee. Hyde and Mr. Platt.

Alexander men declared last night that these charges were absurd. John D. Crimmins, the chairman of the policyholders' committee, declared that he did not know for certain that President Alexander had footed the bills of his committee.

"It is a fact, though," said he, "that some of the members of the committee volunteered to pay their own expenses, and were informed by Frank Platt that it would not be necessary for them to do so. I believe," added Mr. Crimmins, "that anybody disputes that Mr. Platt has been working for Mr. Alexander. I do not say that he was retained by Mr. Alexander personally, but I do say that he was retained by Alexander & Colby, who are President Alexander's counsel."

Justice Bischoff in the Supreme Court yesterday issued an order to show cause why the order obtained recently by A. Edward Woodruff for an examination of President Alexander's financial statements in the suit to compel the distribution of the surplus should not be vacated. The order to show cause was granted on motion of Alexander & Colby, counsel for Mr. Hyde. Argument on the motion will be made on May 18.

The Sun told some time ago that Equitable directors are interested in the restaurants in the city's buildings in this and other cities, and that in the case of the Cafe Savarin at 120 Broadway the directors interested make money out of what they eat when the society pays for the meals served at the executive committee meetings three times a week and at other meetings.

The Equitable barber shops have been pulled into the scandal. Supt. Hendricks, it was declared yesterday, is including in his investigation an examination into a report that the Equitable barbers and their assistants are interested in these tonsorial parlors.

It is a fact that the proprietors of many of the downtown barber shops get a percentage of the tips taken in, just the same as the proprietors of the restaurants. The phase of the question as regards the Equitable shops does not interest Supt. Hendricks. What he wants to find out is how much rent is being charged for floor space for these shops and who is paying it.

## A NEGRO ON HIS RACE.

Philosophy's Views of a Colored Man Who Compares Negroes with Jews.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: In your editorial on "The Negro at the North and at the South" you say: "We printed the other day a letter from a negro complaining that colored communities like an Episcopal chapel of this town had been formally notified to go separately from the whites to the channel rail to receive the communion." I wish by your courtesy to say that I had not intended that letter as a complaint, but merely as a statement of cold facts, for the purpose of pointing out to the people of my race a condition which exists not only in the Episcopal Church hereabout, but in nearly all white Protestant churches of the United States. The Episcopal chapel of this town is the vicar of this Episcopal chapel. Opinions will differ as to its wisdom. I do not believe that Dr. Sheldon, the author of "In His Steps," of the genuineness of whose religion there can be no question, would have insisted these black worshippers by making such a request of them under the guise of friendship.

I am now and have ever been opposed to negroes forcing themselves where they are not wanted, and if I should visit a white church and be handed such a card as these colored communicants received during Easter week at this chapel I should take it to mean that I was not wanted and would not go myself accordingly. I am simple enough to believe that when negroes insist, after being snubbed, as these negroes were, on mingling socially with white people in the worship of God, they virtually admit that they are incapable of rising superior to its condition and that it can furnish no high ideals or examples of Christian perfectibility worthy of emulation. I do not believe, however, that this is the correct view, nor am I willing to admit that the negro race is incapable of demonstrating its ability to do things which other oppressed races in our polyglot population are doing constantly to vindicate their

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character and to prove their right to be. I have always had the courage of my convictions, and it is my honest conviction that the destiny of the negro and the white man, however much the contrary may be asserted, for political purposes is not coordinate. Those who tell us so are not our real friends, and those of us who believe it are not wise. It is a delusion and a snare, and as long as it is persisted in by academic writers and eloquent orators the problem of the century will remain unsolved.

Securing outward conformity to the Anglo-Saxon race will not change the racial characteristics and tendencies of the negro any more than it will change the racial characteristics and tendencies of the Jew, whom nature has marked as distinctly as she has marked the negro and other race varieties. I believe that we are just as good as the white man and that the difference between us is not in our nature but in our environment. I believe that the negro is a human being and that he should be treated as such. I believe that the negro is a human being and that he should be treated as such.

The Christian Church is the greatest power for good in the civilized world, but in this part of the world it has not elected to set the example of recognizing the universality of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It has elected to recognize the superiority of the white race and to permit the color line to be drawn in the church and school and not to go any further than those places. It is not any further than those places. It is not any further than those places. It is not any further than those places.

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## MARRIED.

POTTER-ROSSITER.—On Saturday, May 13, 1905, by the Rev. Dr. Alexander, at Holy Trinity Church, Augusta Stille Rossiter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stille Rossiter, to Frederick Huntington Potter.

HADEN.—At his residence, 91 Joralemon st., Brooklyn, Saturday evening, May 13, 1905, in the 50th year of his age, John Haden, son of Crowell and Elizabeth Stevens Haden, and husband of Elizabeth Busch.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

HYATT.—On Friday, May 12, 1905, William F. Hyatt, in his 81st year.

Funeral services will be held on Monday evening, May 15, at his late residence, 262 Garfield pl., Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

SHUBERT.—Suddenly, on May 12, Samuel S. Shubert, in the 26th year of his age, died. Funeral private. Syracuse papers please copy.

SWENEY.—Suddenly, on May 12, 1905, at the residence of his brother, Robert Sweeney, 338 East 55th st., in the 53d year of his age, George P. Sweeney of the Sixth District Court.

Funeral service at Church of St. John the Evangelist, 55th st. and 1st av., Monday, May 15, at 10 A. M. Milwaukee papers please copy.

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

DE PEYSTER.—It has been the good fortune of the Huguenot Society of America to have as president for many years Mr. Frederic J. de Peyster, who during all these years has devoted to the society his untiring interest and sound judgment. His active participation in all matters pertaining to its welfare, his genial companionship and his devotion to all that concerned its interest and its advancement have been of the greatest benefit.

His uniform courtesy and kindness of heart endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. His great literary ability and vast fund of knowledge were widely recognized and were employed by him whenever he could by the exercise of a benefit on his friends and fellow beings.

It has been the will of our Heavenly Father that Mr. de Peyster should be removed while in the apparent enjoyment of good health, and in the midst of the activities in which he was engaged. In the death of Mr. de Peyster the Huguenot Society of America recognizes the great loss it has sustained, and the members will keenly feel his loss personally.

In testimony of the high esteem in which his memory is held it is

Resolved, that the society tender its sincerest sympathy to the family of its late president in this hour of deep sorrow and bereavement, and that the officers attend the funeral services in a body, that these minutes be inscribed on the records of the society, and that a copy be sent to his family.

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